



Family Court Project

Jennings County

Basic Information

Population:	N/A
County Seat:	Vernon
Judicial Officers Involved in Project:	Hon. Gary Smith and Hon. Jon Webster
Date of Project Implementation:	1/1/2014
Administrative Contact:	Nathan Floyd
Project Funding:	ADR Fund and Sliding Fee Scale co-payment for litigants

Family Court Mission Statement

Please provide a mission statement for your Family Court Programming

Jennings County ADR Program: To provide a quality alternative of conflict resolution while treating all involved with respect and compassion.

Family Court Programming

Please provide a description your Family Court Programming

The Jennings County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program is mandatory for all self-represented litigants involved in either Domestic Relation or Juvenile Paternity cases. Any case in which one or both of the parties are represented by counsel the ADR Program is voluntary. The ADR Program utilizes Mediators to either mediate or facilitate resolution in pending domestic cases. The main objective of the program is to reduce the burden of lengthy Court hearings and provide Parties with an opportunity to have their side heard in confidence and in a comfortable, non-adversarial environment. At the time of filing, the Court sends the litigants notice of an intake conference. During the intake conference, the program is defined and each Party is given the necessary intake forms. After intake, Parties are scheduled for their Mediation or Facilitation. During this scheduled session all of the necessary paperwork is completed for their case and the court is sent notice of full or partial agreement. All litigants are offered the opportunity to waive their future hearing, if permitted.

Number of Families Served

Please provide an estimate of the number of families served through the Family Court Programming

10-20 families a month or approximately 50% of all Domestic Relation cases

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